

Willamette Complex North Update

Boulder Creek, Ore, Linton Creek, Pyramid, 374, and Roundtop Fires



Date: Monday, September 16, 2024

InciWeb: <https://inciweb.wildfire.gov/incident-information/orwif-north-willamette-complex>

Willamette Complex North Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61565845313387>

Email: 2024.WillametteComplex.North@firenet.gov **Information line:** 541-208-1262 **Hours:** 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Overview: Northern Rockies Incident Management Team 6 took command of the Willamette Complex North today at 6 a.m. Rain showers provided a wetting rain Sunday, reducing fire activity while also limiting ground and aerial firefighting efforts in higher elevations. Firefighters continue to extinguish areas of heat along OR 126 and improve containment lines. OR 126 is open to one lane only, guided by pilot car. OR 242 remains closed between mileposts 55 to 75. All fires remain under a full suppression strategy. Sunday's showers are expected to yield to drier weather today for the Boulder Creek Fire, with low clouds and smoldering fire in areas with sun exposure and heavy fuels.

Boulder Creek Fire Evacuation Notices

LEVEL 3 (GO NOW) EVACUATION NOTICE: Scott Creek Road

LEVEL 1 (BE READY) EVACUATION NOTICE: South of Highway 126 from milepost 53.5 east to Scott Creek Road and Horse Creek Road east of Foley Springs, Foley Springs, Forest Service Road #302, Belknap Springs Road South, Camp Yale Road, Yale Lane, North of Highway 126 East from the east end of Drury Lane to the end of North Belknap Springs Road

Evacuation Notice Source: Visit www.LaneCountyOR.gov

Boulder Creek: 511 acres, 0% contained

Located 5 miles east of McKenzie Bridge. Crews continue working along OR 126 to extinguish areas of heat. Firefighters are evaluating and addressing fire-weakened trees along the road corridor to reduce the risk of trees falling into the roadway.

Ore: 3,475 acres, 76% contained

Located 7 miles northeast of Blue River. Following the successful firing operations below the Forest Service Road 1509, crews continue chipping efforts and removing combustible material. Minimal fire activity was observed with smoldering and smoke along the northern side.

Linton Creek: 1,301 acres, 0% contained

Located in the Three Sisters Wilderness northeast of Eileen Lake. The fire received a wetting rain yesterday, limiting both ground and aerial firefighting efforts. Despite the precipitation, heat remain in large diameter trees. Today, crews will continue work on improving trails to use as fire line, prioritizing the Pacific Crest Trail.

Pyramid: 1,311 Acres, 98% contained

East of Middle Santiam Wilderness. Crews are improving containment lines, working to reduce burnable fuels through mechanized mastication and chipping. Morning patchy fog and low clouds gave way to mixed sunshine and overcast skies over the fire area.

374: 58 acres, 0% contained

Located in the Three Sisters Wilderness, northwest of Packsaddle Mountain. Smokejumpers are working to extinguish areas of heat and using the existing trail network as containment lines. The fire area received some precipitation yesterday, but large fuels are holding heat.

Roundtop: Less than one acre, 100% contained.

Near the 374 Fire and Little Roundtop Mountain. This fire remains contained and is in patrol status.

Road Closures: OR 126 is now open to one-lane traffic between mileposts 13 and 19.5 (intersection with OR 242). OR 242 remains closed to all traffic between the intersection with OR 126 and the Dee Wright Observatory (mileposts 55 to 75), due to the Linton Creek Fire. Use an alternate route; do not divert onto forest roads to avoid closures.

Check for updates at: <https://tripcheck.com/>

Willamette National Forest Area Closures: Due to fire activity in the McKenzie River Ranger District, the Linton Creek Fire closure area includes Boulder Creek, 374, Roundtop, as well as other fires on the Middle Fork Ranger District including Young Grasshopper and Lowell Creek fires. Source: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/willamette/alerts-notice/?cid=fseprd552029>.